

Your ref:
Our ref: LJA P15-01
Please ask for: Ms L Anderson
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Dear

**Petition: Local Community Governance Review for Bexhill
Paper petition = 3,816 (including 157 e-petition) signatories**

Thank you for the above Petition which was received by the Council's Head of Paid Service, Dr Anthony Leonard, on Monday 9 March 2015; I am writing to confirm how the Council intends to deal with your Petition.

You have petitioned the Council under the Local Government and Public Involvement and Health Act 2007, for the Council to undertake a community governance review within Bexhill. For such a petition to be valid it must meet certain conditions, the first of which is that the petition must be signed by the requisite number of local electors, i.e. Bexhill electors. It is against the register of local electors for Bexhill which your petition will be assessed, which currently stands at 33,665. The petition must be signed by at least 10% of these Bexhill local electors, which totals 3,367.

As you may appreciate the Council is currently preparing for the general and district council elections and therefore there is currently no capacity to verify your petition at this time. Your petition will be verified as soon as it is practical to do so, which is likely to be beyond the elections on 7 May. I will confirm to you when your petition will be verified, the outcome of the verification process and the next steps in due course.

In meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.
Yours sincerely,

John Collins
Service Manager - Corporate and Human Resources &
Monitoring Officer

cc: Councillor Toni Mansi

